GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PERMISSION TO PRIVATE AIRPORT/ AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing rules under which the sale and purchase of aircraft by private parties are permitted;

(b) whether the private parties have the right to construct their own airports for using their aircraft;

(c) if not, whether they are permitted by the Government to use Government/Public airports;

(d) if so, the rules under which permission is granted alongwith usage charges for the airports;

(e) whether the citizen of India are permitted to own and use private aircraft; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) The reqirements to import of aircraft are laid down in Ministry of Commerce(DGFT) public notice no 274(PN)/92-97 dated 23.02.1995. Further the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has notified Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) under Sub-Rule 3 of 134 of Aircraft Rules, 1937 for obtaining the approval of Government for import/purchase/lease of aircraft.

(b) Private airport can be constructed subject to Government approval and safety/security oversight.

(c) & (d) Government/Public aerodrome may be used by private aircraft in accordance with rule 85 of the Aircraft Rules,1937 on the terms and conditions specified. For use of airport, Landing Charges and Parking Charges, X-Ray Baggage Charges are payable to the airport operator. In addition, Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC) and Terminal Navigation Facility Charges (TNFC) are payble to Airports Authority of India.

(e) & (f) Yes sir. In accordance with the rule 30 of the Aircraft Rules,1937, an aircraft can be registered in the name of Indian citizens and can be flown in accordance with rule 15 of the Aircraft Rules,1937,provided it is airworthy.